

National Interstate CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 25, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 20, 2013

**NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Ohio**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**000-51130**  
(Commission

File Number)

**34-1607394**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**3250 Interstate Drive, Richfield, Ohio**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (330) 659-8900**

**44286-9000**

(Zip Code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On February 20, 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of National Interstate Corporation (the Company) approved at a meeting, a form of award agreement for Restricted Shares and Performance Shares to certain key employees including executive officers. The shares are subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in the form of award agreement and the Company's Long Term Incentive Plan.

The form of award agreement specifies the terms of the agreement, including, but not limited to, the number of shares granted, vesting, performance goals, and performance periods. The agreement provides for forfeiture of unvested portions of awards upon the date the grantee ceases to be employed by the Company.

A copy of the form of award agreement is attached as an exhibit to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Form of Award Agreement for Restricted Shares and Performance Shares

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**NATIONAL INTERSTATE CORPORATION**

Date: February 25, 2013

By: /s/ Arthur J. Gonzales  
Arthur J. Gonzales  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary